

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS:ECON, SWEL, PO  
SUBJECT: FLOOD DAMAGE IN PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 056887

1. ESTIMATE OF "HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS" OF DOLLARS OF FLOOD AND  
OTHER STORM DAMAGE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME.

2. KNOWN FACTS ARE THAT SOME INDUSTRIAL DAMAGE HAS  
OCCURRED, PARTICULARLY AT SINES PORT WHERE PORTUGUESE  
AUTHORITIES HAVE RELEASED PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ESTIMATE  
OF 500 MILLION ESCUDOS (OVER \$12 MILLION); THAT MANY  
HOMES AND BUSINESSES ALONG LOW-LYING AREAS OF MINHO,  
DOURO AND TAGUS RIVERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR DAMAGED;  
AND THAT ROADS HAVE BEEN WASHED OUT AND RAIL TRAFFIC,  
ESPECIALLY BETWEEN LISBON AND OPORTO, HAS BEEN DISRUPTED,  
STRAINING ALREADY DETERIORATED TRANSPORTATIONX  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY RAILROADS.

3. IN AGRICULTURAL AREA, EMBASSY SOUNDING OF ALENTEJO  
AGRICULTURAL STATIONS TURNS UP SURPRISING REPORT OF  
LITTLE NEW DAMAGE IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY CAUSED  
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BY HIGHER-THAN-NORMAL RAINFALL THROUGHOUT WINTER.  
HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN DAMAGE TO WINTER GRAIN CROPS AS  
RESULT OF FLOODING. HIGH WATER DESTROYED TOMATO  
AND PEPPER SEEDLINGS AND CONSEQUENTLY AREA PLANTED FOR  
THESE CROPS WILL DECLINE 4 TO 5 PERCENT.

4. COUNTRY TEAM IS ALREADY DISCUSSING THE DESIRABILITY

OF RECOMMENDING DISASTER RELIEF. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO REACH  
DECISION WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS.  
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